

## JAMES A. C. BOND LAW OFFICE

202½ EAST MAIN STREET

The law office probably antedates the residence by a quarter of a century; it certainly is eons away in spirit, although certain linking features do exist. Probably built around 1875, in a style that might be called timid carpenters' gothic (it is covered with white clapboard above a low foundation and has simply-enframed windows and doors below simply-sawed barge-boards). It is in this trim, in fact, that the office is connected decoratively with the house; the trim under the office's gables is identical, but of smaller scale, with that under the house's north gable, creating a pleasant interplay. This office perpendicular sections, the 3-bay entrance facade, etc. Thus, while the building has certain contemporary features - its elongated, double-paned windows, its heavy bracketed cornice - it was essentially built from an already, century-old design.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

James A. C. Bond Law Office

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

202½ East Main Street (MD 32)

6

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Carroll

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

**PRESENT USE**

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Charles H. Bowers, Jr.

Telephone #: 848-5709

STREET & NUMBER

202 East Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21157

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Office Building

Liber #: 546

Folio #: 747

STREET & NUMBER

Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Number 202½ East Main Street is a small early Gothic Revival Cottage that quietly fronts the south side of Westminster's Main Street (Maryland Route 32). Originally built as a law office, the one story cottage has been easily and well converted into a simple tenant house.

The entire cottage is covered in white clapboard above a low fieldstone foundation and below an unpainted sheet-metal-covered steep gable roof. The principal facade is the north gable end and is two bays wide; a two-over-one double-hung sash, simply enframed window is west of the two-light transomed, half-glass, half-wood door. Trim is very simple - window and door have identical denticulated cornices supported by end brackets, and the gable itself has, at its peak, a king-post-collar-brace arrangement, with simply sawed bargeboards towards the edges. The west front has one simply enframed 2/2 window in the center of its main wall; there is a small rear shed roofed extension to the south which has a glass and aluminum storm door in its center. The east front, facing the Shellman House across a narrow alley, has two 3-light hinged windows, one in the main section, one in the addition. A narrow brick pediment-sheltered furnace flue rises where the two sections meet. The south fronts of both sections are blind.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

James A. C. Bond

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The dates for James Bond's law office are less puzzling than those for his house (no. 202), if only because there is less information. Its land was always a part of that piece that became no. 202 - "Old Kiz" never lived here. Clearly Bond built the building c. 1875 as his law office - it is shown on the 1877 plat of the City, and is listed in the 1887 City Directory. Thus its significance is not that it was born back in the hoary mists of time.

Its significance is, rather, in its use and resulting form. There is, of course, a long tradition of small professionally-used office buildings that neighbor their owners' houses. This is merely a mid-Victorian example. However, it is probably the only such example in Westminster (the norm was to have the office built as an extension of the house, as as, for example, bis, 230-232, East Main Street). Its style sets it apart - a pleasant clean gothicky cottage with as its only decoration, its simply sawed bargeboards. In height, breadth, and form, it makes a pleasant break in the 2½ story, brick, "Georgian" buildings that are flush with Main Street for a block or two to the cottage's east and west. Also, not the least of its virtues, is the echo it sets up with the Main Street facing gable of 202 itself. The house's (202) gable is 2½ stories high but similar, and, from certain angles, they work together brilliantly, creating pleasant, and probably intentional, links in style and ownership - Bond built house and office in a stylish proud way, and it is fitting that they, in their reflection of each other reflect him.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Being a part of lot 46 of "White's Level" as ammended, located about 40' west of the intersection of Sycamore Street and East Main Street, Westminster

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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November, 1976

ORGANIZATION

Westminster Historical Sites Survey

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

c/o City Hall - Public Works Department

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Westminster

STATE

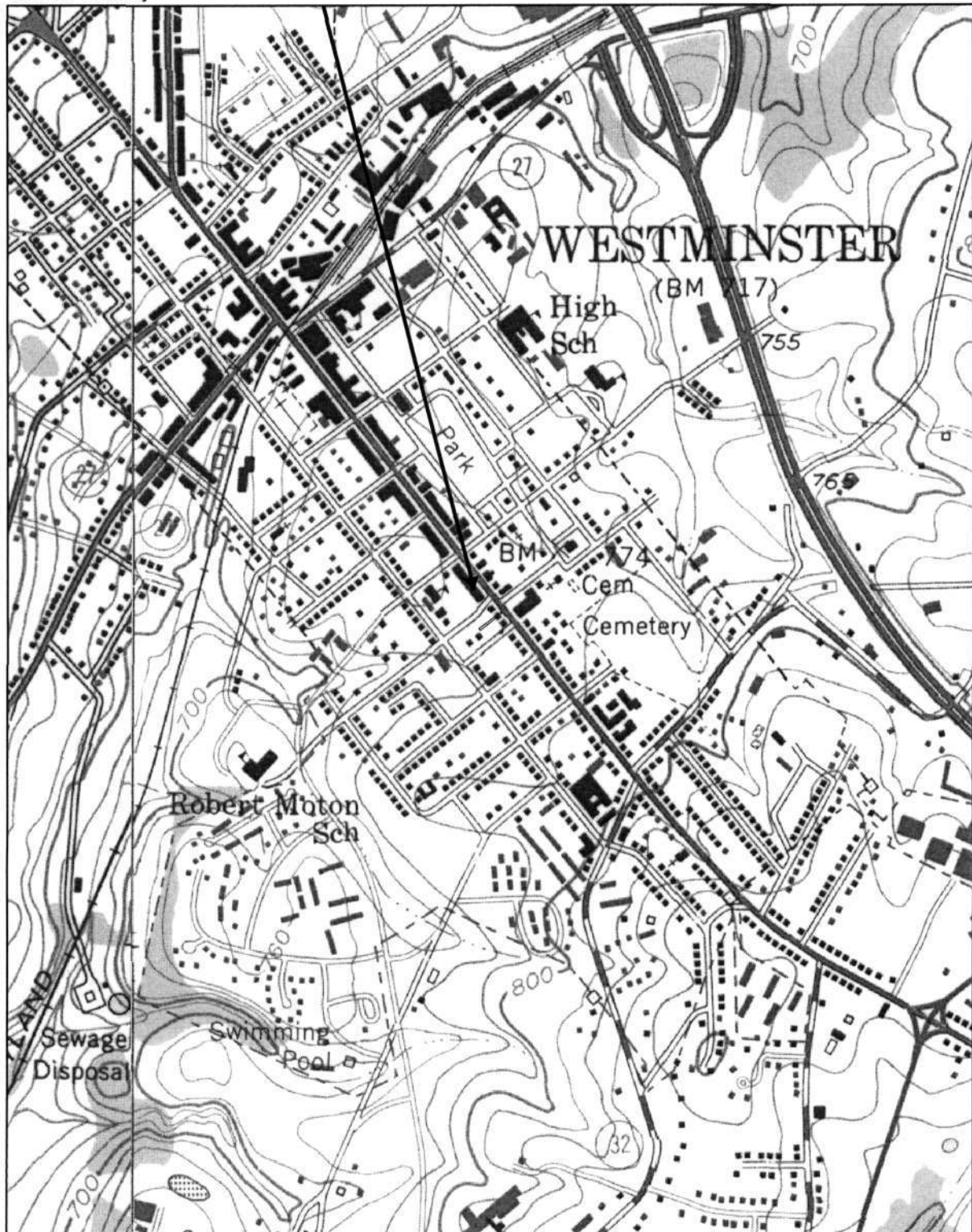
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James A.C. Bond Office  
East Main Street  
Westminster  
Westminster Quad  
Carroll County



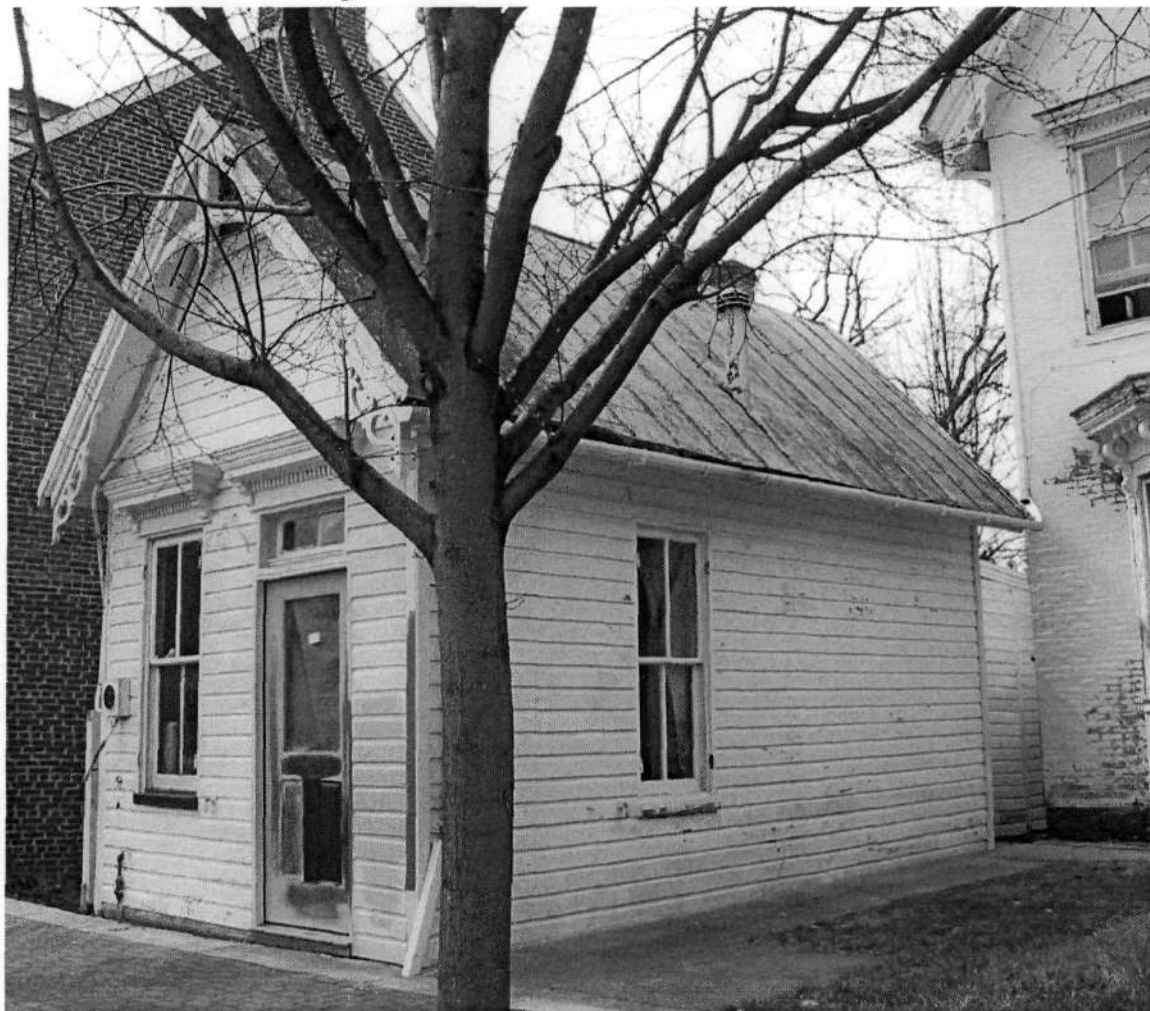


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James A.C. Bond Law Office

202 ½ East Main Street (MD 32), Westminster

Jennifer K. Cosham, 12 April 2006



North elevation

412%





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202 $\frac{1}{2}$  - small bldg

202 - ls. bldg

41 $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{0}{0}$  # A-1

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202-202 $\frac{1}{2}$  E. Main St.  
Westminster

N. Juarez  
C. Weeks 12/76



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202 1/2 E. Main Westminster

W. Jacade

C. Weeks 12/76



Note - image is  
reversed, but  
point of similar  
guides is same

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202-202 1/2 E. Main St.  
Westminster  
N. facade (gables)  
C. Uechi 12/26